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Governor Offers \$1,000 Challenge

As an incentive to encourage our clubs to promote President Tanaka's theme "Peace through Service", we are sponsoring a contest. We will be presenting \$1,000 to the club that makes the best use in promoting the International Theme for 2012-2013.

The College of Governors will review all entries, decide the winner and make the presentation



port of four areas that District 6920 endorses: CART, METS, GRSP or the Rotary Foundation.

This will be a nice way to recognize a worthy Rotarian in your club or area as a Paul Harris Fellow, Will Watt Fellow or



be recognized by the other two programs.



at our Annual Awards Dinner on June 15, 2013 in Dublin. The award shall be used in sup-



More specific information will follow, but start your promotion and document your results. Remember you can't win if you don't participate, and if you participate we all win. Good luck!!

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Governor Enjoying Club Visits

Lately the most frequently asked question from my Rotarian friends has been, "How are your Club Visits going?" The answer is real short ... fantastic! A few months back, Brenda said "I think I am going to enjoy traveling the back roads of Georgia." She is getting her money's worth, and has many more miles ahead!

I want you all to know that I really appreciate the opportunity to serve you and represent the fine Rotarians in District 6920. Area wise, we are the largest District in Georgia. We have large clubs represented in our larger cities like Augusta, Macon and Savannah. We have smaller clubs in some of the more rural areas. We have Clubs that will celebrate their Century of Service next year along with one that will celebrate it's first anniversary. This is most healthy!

Our Rotary friends have been most gracious in making arrangements and accommodations for our visits. We have enjoyed making many new friends and getting to know older ones even better. We have truly been honored.

We have found well prepared, active clubs that deserve a lot of praise. We will find some of our clubs that are doing good, but need some encouragement and support to become a little more active and successful. As Governor, I along with the rest of our District Leadership Team, are here to help in every way we can.

We have found the clubs, like their members, to have different personalities. It has been interesting and fun to see the differences and still see all working towards the same goals. I hope to elaborate on this in the future.

I did feel sorry for those Club Presidents with whom I visited the first week. How would you feel as President when you went to "ring the bell" for the first time, and had the District Governor present? They all seemed to have worked really well under the pressure.

Talking about pressure ... The Hawkinsville Rotary Club has their local cable company video their Club meetings. This has been a most unique way of making the community aware of what Rotary is doing. To the first five clubs that saw me on your first meeting, Hawkinsville got me back for you because they neglected to advise me of the taping earlier. (It was probably best they didn't!)

I have already been honored to induct several new members, and present Paul Harris and Will Watt fellowships. Also, remember August is Membership Month. I am looking forward to inducting new members when I visit your club too!

How are our Club visits? Absolutely GREAT and Brenda and I thank you!!



DG Bob Griggers, with the assistance of AG Joy Hurst, inducts three new members into the Byron Rotary Club. The new members are Karen Singleton, Tiffany Peavy and Billy Griggers.

August is Membership and Extension Month

Make an extra effort this month to recruit new members to your Rotary club

Membership Competition and Challenge

by Jack Steed, District Membership Chair

Competition is healthy for inspiring accomplishments and it will make gaining new members a reality. For too long, many of us have been asleep at the wheel or the attitude has been “someone else will attract new members or someone else is responsible for the retention of established members.” Not so. It will take all of us to guarantee the survival of Rotary – not just the membership committees. There is no better time than right now to create membership competition. With the concurrence of the District Governor, we are challenging the Assistant Governors (AGs) to acquire at least two new members during the 2012-2013 year. Those gaining two or more new members will be recognized in the district newsletter and at the District Awards Dinner next year. The AGs may wish to extend this challenge to their club presidents. Why are we extending this challenge to the AGs and, hopefully, to their club presidents? To let the membership know that our leaders are membership boosters and that our leaders are leading by example rather than just doing the “membership talk.”

Glenn E. Estes, Sr., Past President of Rotary International said it very well when he said, “. . . Members are the

basic building block and base of our clubs. Without a sustaining and continuing membership base, clubs would only be a group of people supporting a specific mission with a long-term perspective and purpose. A sustaining and continuing membership base allows clubs to develop long-term action-oriented projects, to become vibrant and active organizations initiating change within a community. A sustaining and continuing membership base allows strong friendships and fellowships to develop within a club. With a strong base, the Rotary clubs throughout the world can successfully accomplish the numerous community and international projects and activities they undertake, thus contributing even more to world peace and understanding”

Are you a membership booster? You are if you believe that new members and retention of established members is crucial to the survival of Rotary and have established the gaining of new members as one of your goals.

Please send membership success stories to jsteedW@nicholscauley.com. And, Happy Hunting!

Eight Local Organizations Presented Grants from Savannah South Club



It was Christmas in July at the Rotary Club of Savannah South as representatives from eight local agencies received grants for their programs at the civic club's meeting on July 3 at Carey Hilliard's on Abercorn Street.

The club awarded grants totaling \$3,000 to the Royce Learning Center, the Live Oak Public Library, the West Broad YMCA, Boy Scout Troops #7 and #8, Chatham Savannah Citizen Advocacy, the Low Country Down Syndrome, and Park Place Outreach.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

What Is Your EREY Story?

By Ann Lee Hussey

Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise, Portland, Maine

Chair – Polio Survivors Rotarian Action Group

It was the summer of 1955 that I contracted polio living in a small town in southern Maine. At 17 months of age I was initially paralyzed from the waist down and spent several months in the hospital. I required daily care when I was sent home. My mother massaged my legs every 3 hours round the clock in an effort to make them work again. Standing here today, I know I owe my Mom my life. I am the youngest of five, so my Mom certainly had her time filled caring for me. It was a different time then. Illnesses were published in the daily papers complete with names and addresses.

Neighbors near and far pitched in by bringing hot meals to our family every day. Even people from a greater distance sent their best wishes to our family by mail. Though my Mom responded to them all, one of them rose above the rest. Mrs. Bessie Woodbury became a constant in our lives as years of correspondence flourished. She sent me a card every single day whenever I was in the hospital and with multiple surgeries that was often. I have scrapbooks filled with get-well cards and postcards and Mrs. Woodbury sent them all. As soon as I was old enough Mrs. Woodbury and I started a correspondence that lasted until she died when I was a young adult - almost 30 years. I will always cherish the birthday cards and holiday cards that came all those years, always arriving with \$2 tucked inside. It doesn't sound like a lot, but back then it was.

We never traveled far when I was a child and it wasn't until I was about 9 years old that my parents drove me to Mrs. Woodbury's home some 70 miles north of us. That was the first time I met her and her house smelled like my grandmother's, filled with the aromas of cookies and pies. During my college days, I would sometimes stop in to see Mrs. Woodbury on my way home and soon realized what a special lady she was. Her house, though filled with love, was pretty basic and her shed tilted in disrepair. She was not a wealthy woman and yet all those years, those cards and \$2 arrived faithfully. She gave to me, not because she was rich and had plenty to spare but because she cared about a little girl and wanted to help.

When Mrs. Woodbury first wrote to us, we were total strangers. She gave of herself to someone she was not sure she would ever meet. I am blessed to have Mrs. Woodbury in my life. She taught me the meaning of giving, to help someone far away that you may never meet. Just as important, she taught me how to receive - something not everyone learns.

Today that lesson and the \$2 hold great significance now that I am in Rotary. When someone asked if I would give \$2 a week to the Rotary Foundation to help children in faraway lands, I never hesitated. I recalled my first trip to immunize children in India against polio, and how \$2 could save lives through the purchase of polio vaccine. As my journey into Rotary brought me to many far off lands, I saw the Rotary Foundation come to life right before my eyes. My \$2 contributions grew larger and through the Foundation multiplied, creating a tremendous impact in the projects I worked on.

I have seen my monies furnish schools, construct toilets, drill wells, feed the hungry, deliver wheelchairs and much more. And I gratefully receive the smiles of gratitude and joy with a quiet addiction that keeps me going. Today I like to think I am a Mrs. Woodbury to the children of the world. Wouldn't you like to be a Mrs. Woodbury too? It's easy, give with your heart to our Rotary Foundation, you will change lives and one of them will be yours.

As a polio survivor, Past District Governor Ann Lee has a passion for the polio eradication program and shares Rotary International's vision for a polio free world. She chairs the Polio Survivors Rotarian Action Group. Ann Lee was the 2010-11 Governor of District 7780. She is a recipient of the RI Service Above Self award and the Rotary Foundation International Service Award for a Polio Free World.

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Richmond Hill Rotarian of the Year



Rotary Club of Richmond Hill Past President Bill Eberlein completed some unfinished business from his tenure as President by presenting the 2011-2012 Rotarian of the Year award to Larry Barker. When presenting the award, Bill said, "Larry has made an outstanding contribution to our Rotary Club over the last year through the energy and vision he brings to our themed fundraising events, his work with young people in our community and the contribution he has made to Rotary at a district level by sharing his great talent as a musician by playing at the Rotary District conference and the Savannah area's 'Play It Forward' event."

Barker graciously accepted the award, saying, "I have had the support of many other members in our club and worked in concert with them to ensure our events were a success. Our Rotary club had a wonderful year under the leadership of Bill Eberlein and we look forward to another outstanding year going forward."

Kings Bay Rotarians Participate in Parade



The Rotary Club of Kings Bay participated in the 4th of July parade in downtown St. Marys, GA.



Augusta Club Donates to Boy Scouts

The Augusta Rotary Club brought "Boy Scouts of America" to Augusta in 1922 and underwrote the first year's expenses. Boy Scouts Executive Director Jeff Schwab is a member of the club and many of the Augusta Club members continue to be in volunteer leadership roles in the organization.

Below, Schwab accepts the club's annual donation to the Boy Scouts of Augusta from Past President Kevin Wade.



St. Simons Inducts New President



Mike Muldowney, outgoing president of the St. Simons Rotary Club accepts a plaque from newly installed president John Matthews at the club's June 26 meeting. During Muldowney's tenure, the club increased its membership to 135 and distributed almost \$25,000 to charitable organizations, much of it to local charities that serve children.

Hazelhurst Raffles Off Apple i-PAD



Hazelhurst Rotary Club President Bo Reese presented a new Apple i-PAD to Patricia Davis, who won the club's recent fundraiser raffle. Funds raised will be used for various community projects sponsored by the club.

Important Dates: Mark Your Calendars

District Foundation Seminar Dublin, GA

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Contact Paula Goodnow to register for this seminar and get the latest information on a variety of Rotary topics. This seminar has been designed with your requests in mind ... please take advantage of it!

GRSP Conclave Clayton, GA

Friday, August 24-Sunday, 26, 2012

The 2012 Georgia Rotary Student Program Conclave will be held Aug. 24-26 in Clayton, Ga.

District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Clayton are excited to host the Conclave in beautiful historic Rabun County. August is peak time in the mountains, so make your hotel reservations now!

The Conclave affords students and Rotarians the opportunity to meet and learn about each other as the students begin their GRSP year.

Rotary Zone 33-34 Institute 2012 Hilton Head, SC

Thursday, Sept. 20-Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012

The 2012 Rotary Zone 33-34 Institute will be held at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort and Spa in Hilton Head, S.C.

Register now by visiting the District website at www.rotary6920.org.

Augusta West Names Cantrell Rotarian of Year



Augusta West President David Smithers and President-Elect Paul Pelletier recently presented David Cantrell with the Rotarian of the Year Award.